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SUBJECT: DEMARCHES TO ITALY RE NPT RATIFICATION

REFS: A) BONN 16877 B) STATE 236247

1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT SEEN "ISSUES/TALKING POINTS: NPT AND RELATED MATTERS" PAPER PREPARED FOR SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH GOI OFFICIALS (PARA 25, REF B), WE TRUST IT MAKES NOTE, IN CONGRUENCE WITH FACTS AS CITED PARA. 1, REF A, THAT GOI HAS NOT RPT NOT YET SUBMITTED NPT TO PARLIAMENT FOR RATIFICATION. TO DATE ONLY THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SLOWLY WENDING ITS WAY THROUGH RATIFICATION PROCESS AND NO DATE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY GOI FOR SUBMISSION OF NPT.

2. WERE ONE TO ASSUME A RELATIVELY PROMPT SOLUTION OF CURRENT GOI GOVERNMENT CRISIS, THERE WOULD STILL REMAIN GOOD CHANCE THAT VERIFICATION AGREEMENT WOULD BE RATIFIED BY YEARS END. HOWEVER, ASSUMING EVEN PROMPT SUBMISSION OF NPT, ODDS ON COMPLETING NPT RATIFICATION PROCESS PRIOR NEXT MAY'S REVIEW CONFERENCE ARE VERY SLIM.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE DEMARCHE RE NPT, APPARENTLY COMPARABLE TO THAT CONTEMPLATED BY FRG
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(REF. A), AND WAS ASKED TO COORDINATE WITH THIS EMBASSY BEFORE

DOING SO. FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS WITH US, BRITISH EMBASSY HAS
REPLIED TO LONDON THAT AMBASSADOR WILL SEE SECGEN GAJA AT EARLIEST
APPROPRIATE MOMENT, NOTING HOWEVER, THAT A DEMARCHE MIGHT BE
MORE EFFECTIVELY MADE AFTER SECRETARY'S VISIT IS COMPLETED.
UK EMBASSY PLANS STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US TO ASSIST ON DECIDING
BEST MOMENT FOR DEMARCHE, BUT BRITISH HERE HAVE ALSO IN MIND
THAT DEMARCH MIGHT BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF POSTPONED UNTIL GOI
POLITICAL CRISIS RESOLVED BY INSTALLATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT
AND, PERHAPS, A NEW FOREIGN MINISTER. VOLPE

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